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FOR AF/W THOMAS SMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, IV

SUBJECT: ISC/SODESUCRE DISPUTE

REF: STATE 076132

1. BELIEVE THAT BEFORE PREPARING DRAFT LETTER ON
EXTREMELY COMPLICATED ISC/SODESUCRE DISPUTE WE
SHOULD HAVE SOME GENERAL GUIDELINES, PERHAPS FROM
"L", ON HOW RESPONSE SHOULD BE HANDLED. AS YOU KNOW,
MEDIATION EFFORTS BY DAVID MORSE OF SURREY, KARASIK,
MORSE AND SEHAM MAY BE NEARING SATSFACTORY SOLUTION.
WE WOULD NOT WISH INADVERTENTLY TO COMPLICATE
ALREADY DIFFICULT MEDIATION PROCESS.

2. FOR YOUR DISCUSSION WITH "L", THEY SHOULD KNOW
THAT WE ARE AWARE OF ACCUSATIONS OF BREACHES OF
CONTRACT EXCHANGED BY ISC AND SODESUCRE, THOUGH
OUR FILES MAY BE INCOMPLETE IN THIS REGARD. BOTH
PARTIES HAVE CLAIMS AGAINST THE OTHER, THE
LEGITIMACY OF WHICH WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO JUDGE.
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TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE ARE NO LAWSUITS
AGAINST EITHER PARTY. WE CANNOT KNOW WITH
CERTAINTY WHETHER THIS EMBASSY PLAYED ANY ROLE IN
FACILITATING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN LANG & SODESUCRE,
BUT IF ANY ROLE WAS PLAYED IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
INDIRECT AND SUPPORTING ONE, OF THE KIND EMBASSY
NORMALLY PROVIDES TO U.S. FIRMS INTERESTED IN DOING

BUSINESS IN IVORY COAST.

3. OUR FILES ON THIS SUBJECT DATE BACK TO 1972, BUT ARE SKIMPY FOR THAT YEAR, AND WE ASSUME FILES WERE RETIRED. THE 1973-77 FILES ARE VOLUMINOUS, AND IN OUR JUDGEMENT DO INCLUDE INFORMATION THE RELEASE OF WHICH WOULD DAMAGE OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GOIC, WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FROM U.S. FIRMS, AND COULD, TO REPEAT, PREJUDICE OUTCOME OF CURRENT MEDIATION.

4. WE OBVIOUSLY NEED LEGAL GUIDANCE ON HOW WE CAN RESPOND TO DEFENDANT'S LETTER WHILE AVOIDING THE ADVERSE EFFECTS SET FORTH ABOVE. STEARNS

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